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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 29 Dec 93 21:51:12 GMT  
From: att-out!cbnewsj!k2ph@rutgers.rutgers.edu  
Subject: cw waivers  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1993 22:51:16 GMT  
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!emory!kd4nc!ke4zv!  
gary@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: cw waivers

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CItdQ4.Fxx@cbnewsj.cb.att.com> k2ph@cbnewsj.cb.att.com (The QRPer) writes:

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>I fail to understand how anybody could equate operating CW with  
>lying in a bed of nails. Unless they've been smoking the Christmas  
>wreath. Some day you must explain this to me, Gary. Do you really  
>think that people torture themselves just to get awards?

Sure, Type As will go to extreme lengths to be competitive. They'll go for 48 hours without sleep with an infernal beeping device clamped to their heads. They'll risk drowning in killer surf, climb rockfaces, get shot at by Vietnamese patrol boats, anything, for that last point. They'll ignore their families, shutting themselves up in small stuffy rooms for days on end, just for one more contentless 599 exchange.

>Incredible.

Isn't it?

>Wise up, Gary. Hundreds of thousands of amateurs throughout the  
>world think CW is fun. They are not being tortured.

Oh, masochists by definition love their pain. They don't recognize their behavior as an illness. They do have to have a streak of sadism too, though, to want to impose their hell on others.

>Oh yes, you do understand that DXing and contesting are two very  
>different things, right? Your original post seemed somewhat confused  
>about that.

They're both compulsive activities done for score. Contests are usually shorter and with different ways of counting points. DXing is postal card collecting with a masochistic twist, and a maximum score of 319. It's an obsessive compulsive behavior.

Gary

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Gary Coffman KE4ZV		You make it,		gatech!wa4mei!ke4zv!gary
Destructive Testing Systems		we break it.		uunet!rsiatl!ke4zv!gary
534 Shannon Way		Guaranteed!		emory!kd4nc!ke4zv!gary
Lawrenceville, GA 30244				

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1993 02:33:22 GMT

From: netcomsv!netcom.com!jfh@decwrl.dec.com

Subject: cw waivers  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

k2ph@cbnewsj.cb.att.com (The QRPer) wrote:

>It does seem a bit silly, in 1993, to give a CW test the same level of  
>importance as the written test, doesn't it?

I'd prefer options, take a code test or take a digital operation test (or  
whatever).

>I wonder if we couldn't  
>include CW questions on an overall test for a given license class,  
>instead of making it a separate test element. Or wouldn't that be in  
>conformance with international treaty?

My understanding is that the international treaty specifies neither the  
speed nor the method of testing. If the FCC wants to give us a printed  
copy of a code sample to translate at our leisure, that's probably within  
the letter of the law.

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Jack Hamilton                      POB 281107 SF CA 94128   USA  
jfh@netcom.com                    kd6ttl@w6pw.#nocal.ca.us.na

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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1993 14:56:13 GMT  
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!agate!iat.holonet.net!crystal!  
andy.miskell@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: For Sale: icom IC-W2A, ac  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

How Much do you want for ICOM?

Andy Miskell

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1993 00:40:48 GMT  
From: pacbell.com!pb2esac!jaminge@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: License Arrived in 8 1/2 weeks  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

FYI: took the no-code tech test 10-24, license was issued 12-21.

Next question is what to call KE6DTC...

Guess I could call it "Dump The Code".  
That ought to start a war instantly ;-)

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John Minger KE6DTC  
Glendale, CA  
<jaminge@pb2esac.com>

"Society is like a stew. If you  
don't keep it stirred up, you get a  
lot of scum on top." -Edward Abbey

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Date: 27 Dec 93 21:21:00 GMT  
From: sgigate.sgi.com!sgiblab!wetware!rhohan!express@rutgers.rutgers.edu  
Subject: Mail  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hi michael. Just saying hello.... I hope I got my address right.

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Date: 29 Dec 1993 13:59:58 -0800  
From: olivea@apple.com!apple.com!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Maxton and Newwell  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

oo7@astro.as.utexas.edu (Derek Wills) writes:

>kchen@apple.com (Kok Chen) wonders:

>>Eh? Has someone finally solved the Unified Field Theory problem  
>>while I was asleep?

> Yes! See, Newton says that everything continues in a straight  
> line...

[ explanation of curl, that is divergent from norm, omitted ... ]

Actually, Sir Isaac omitted to take into account jerks (third  
derivative of position w.r.t. time), which results in the emissions  
you hear on 14.313.

> And if you hear a slight "thump" whenever you key your transmitter,  
> that's Newton's Third Law - action and reaction.

The "thump" I usually hear is from my downstairs neighbour complaining  
of TVI each time I key down. Wait, I guess that \*is\* Newton's third

law :-).

Errr, Derek, what is a key? :-) It is only half a word. The other half, obviously, is "board."

> I'm surprised you didn't know all this, what with your being an  
> Extra class ham and all that,

Mea culpa, I will return my license to the FCC pronto.

I guess I did poorly with my Maxwell studies because they hertz my brain, faraday and everynight. Even thinking about it gives me a headache, I need to walk all the way around the pillbox to get an aspirin. The reason I really don't believe Maxwell is because he claims that Adm. Perry never visited the magnetic monopole.

>Derek "Isaac" Wills (AA5BT, G3NMX)

Shucks, I was expecting you to sign Isaac Wills, F.R.S., K.B.E. :-)

Kok Chen, AA6TY            kchen@apple.com  
Apple Computer, Inc.

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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 93 20:19:49 -0400  
From: psinntp!wlnntp.psi.com!usenet@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Missing 13-year old ham  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'd also like this picture to post on the AOL Ham Radio Club areas.

>DATE: 28 Dec 93 20:26:49 GMT  
>FROM: Bob West 917-6362 <rlwest@pcsol1.dseg.ti.COM>  
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>You have probably already seen on this Digest:  
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>>            NATHAN TAYLOR, WZ1W (MISSING CHILD) UPDATE  
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>>        Even though two federal agencies are now involved in the hunt,  
>>        there are still no leads to the whereabouts of Nathan Taylor,  
>>        WZ1W. Nathan is the thirteen year old ham from Gardner  
>>        Massachusetts who ran away from home last August 27th. ...[etc.]  
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>Does anyone have a scanned picture that can be posted as a GIF or JPG file?  
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>=====

>Bob West                   WA8YCD                   Internet: rlwest@dseg.ti.com  
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Terry M. Stader, KA8SCP, America Online (AOL) Ham Radio Club Host  
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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1993 02:51:05 GMT  
From: netcomsv!netcom.com!wa2ise@decwrl.dec.com  
Subject: Ramsey kits not too good?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Went out and got the Ramsey packet TNC kit (P-IBM), the one that connects to an IBM PC. Coms with Baycom packet program. Built it, and I can get the PC to communicate with this kit, I can even do a CONNECT to myself. But I CANNOT get the damn thing to decode any packets from a radio reciever. I tried 3 different radios (an HTX202, ICu2AT, and IC02AT). Tried many levels of volume. nothing. I can see the LEDs blink and flicker, but no decodes. Tried with the squelch open (so it wouldn't damage the leading part of the recieved packets). nothing. Manual made mention that the modulation control in a Ramsey 2 meter kit has an effect on recieve. So; I tried adjusting the modulation trimmer in the P-IBM kit, to make the transmit audio sound the same level as ones I hear from the outside world. nothing. Been using an external antenna about 50 feet from my kit and PC all this time. Recieved packets sound clean. Only thing I might suspect is the kit's crystal may be at the wrong freq? Next week, after I fly back to my apartment in Silicon Valley, I can do some tests using my KPC2 tnc.

Anyone get this thing to actually work?

Past expeience with Ramsey kits: FM10, didn't work untill I reduced the vo;tage on the IC used to generate the stereo signal. Even then, not all that great performance.

Also had a shortwave converter (converts a 1 MHz block of a SW band to MW) worked, but no image rejection

I don't think I will get anymore Ramsey kits, performance and quality to me isn't good enough. The TNC kit should be designed to work under a wide variation of audio quality, not be excessively fussy.

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1993 03:45:45 GMT  
From: library.ucla.edu!agate!iat.holonet.net!bwilkins@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Repeater database?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

mkb@cs.cmu.edu (Mike Blackwell) after my editing writes:

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: Suppose I write a geographical database with a really whizzy graphical  
: front end, searching and planning capabilities, made to run on a  
: laptop or PDA. It includes the ARRL repeater directory database. Just  
: what I want while travelling,  
:  
: Feedback is appreciated, before I waste too much time...  
:  
: Mike Blackwell -- ke3ig -- mkb@cs.cmu.edu

You don't propose any thing different than already exists...in the paper edition. Lets make this a new and real product.

I really don't care where the repeater is located...I want to know the geographic areas that I can reliably communicate either on my handy-scratchy or my 30 watt mobile. Sinse you are offering a graphic interface you could show coverage maps of repeaters overlaid on a good highway map. An interface to gps could enhance your product. How about a descriptor file of the type of use , times of local nets and news broadcasts.

Your listing of the 250 repeaters in the San Francisco Bay Area is meaningless if it just reflects what is in the ARRL Directory. Many of the local repeaters are listed as closed but are in fact quite open to the travelling amateur. Some repeaters are low level 25 mile coverage machines that can be quite popular. Other repeaters are high level 150 mile repeaters that have no usage at all. I have seen repeaters go from vary active to next to nothing in a matter of months. In essence we do not have the user base to support 250 repeaters in this area.

When ever I travel I scan the bands for activity and key words so I know that I can add something to the discussion. Maybe you could add the voice recognician feature as well as the active scan feature to your interface.

With out the added features I think your product would only appeal to statistitions and wanabe repeater coordinators...certainly not to any of us that want to find a good QSO on the bands or make an emergency call.

bob

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Bob Wilkins n6fri  
bwilkins@cave.org

voice 440.250+ 100pl san francisco bay area  
packet n6fri @ n6eeg.#nocal.ca.usa.na

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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1993 12:24:42 MST  
From: usc!math.ohio-state.edu!cyber2.cyberstore.ca!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!alberta!nebulus!  
ve6mgs!usenet@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: US License Examination Opportunities Scheduled 12/29/93 to 4/5/94  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

#### AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATION OPPORTUNITIES

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Special Note: Amateur Radio licenses usually arrive between 8 and 10 weeks after the test session. The FCC considers their processing time to be 90 days--from the date they receive the application. The FCC usually receives the application one to two weeks after the test session (once the VE Team and the coordinating VEC have completed their processing).

Note: Codeless Technician to Technician w/HF upgraders (who pass a Morse code test) will not receive a new license from the FCC. The existing Technician license plus the CSCE conveying the Morse code test credit is the only documentation issued for use of the additional HF privileges.

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The following test session information is provided by the ARRL/VEC for the upcoming six to eight week period. For further information, please contact the test session CONTACT PERSON at the telephone number provided. If necessary, you may contact the ARRL/VEC at 203-666-1541 x282 for additional information. Electronic mail may be forwarded to the ARRL/VEC via USENET at "bjahnke@arrl.org" or via MCI Mail to MCI ID: 215-5052.

Although the test session information presented here does not indicate whether walk-ins are accepted or not, most test sessions do allow walk-ins. We encourage you, however, to always contact the CONTACT PERSON at the telephone number provided so that the VE Team is aware that you be attending the test session.



## STILL NEED TO PREPARE FOR YOUR EXAM?

If you would like information on how to become licensed; or how to locate Amateur Radio clubs, instructors, licensing classes and/or Novice examiners in your area; please contact the ARRL Educational Activities Department (EAD) at 203-666-1541 x219. The EAD can also provide information on recommended study materials. Electronic mail may be forwarded to the ARRL EAD via USENET at "rwhite@arrl.org" or via MCI Mail to MCI ID: 215-5052.

## EXAM LISTINGS - DEFINITION OF FIELDS

### STATE

Test Date, VEC, City, , Contact Phone, Contact Person

The SECOND field in the following listing specifies the VEC which is coordinating this examination. This single-character designator denotes the VEC as defined below. An "A" (for example) indicates that this examination is coordinated by the ARRL/VEC.

For further information on any examinations listed, or if you do not find any examinations listed for your area, you may contact any of the coordinating VECs below.

A = ARRL/VEC, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111; (d) 203-666-1541  
The 1993 Test Fee is \$5.60 (1994 test fee will be \$5.75).

X = Anchorage ARC, 2628 Turnagain Parkway, Anchorage, AK 99517;  
(d) 907-786-8121, (n) 907-243-2221 (or) 907-276-5121  
(or) 907-274-5546

C = Central Alabama VEC, 1215 Dale Dr SE, Huntsville, AL 35801;  
205-536-3904

N = Charlotte VEC, 227 Bennett Ln, Charlotte, NC 28213;  
704-596-2168

D = Great Lakes ARC VEC Inc., PO Box 273, Glenview, IL 60025;  
708-486-8019

E = Golden Empire ARS, PO Box 508, Chico, CA 95927; No phone.

G = Greater Los Angeles ARG, 9737 Noble Ave, Sepulveda, CA 91343;

818-892-2068, 805-822-1473.

J = Jefferson ARC, PO Box 24368, New Orleans, LA 70184-4368; No phone

K = Koolau ARC, 45-529 Nakuluai St, Kaneohe, HI 96744;  
808-235-4132

L = Laurel ARC Inc., PO Box 3039, Laurel, MD 20709-0039;  
(d) 301-572-5124, 301-317-7819, (n) 301-588-3924

M = The Milwaukee RAC Inc., 1737 N 116th St, Wauwatosa, WI 53226;  
414-774-6999. Test fee for 1993 is \$5.00.

H = Mountain ARC, PO Box 10, Burlington, WV 26710; 304-289-3576,  
301-724-0674

P = PHD ARA Inc., PO Box 11, Liberty, MO 64068; 816-781-7313

R = Sandarc-VEC, PO Box 2446, La Mesa, CA 91943-2446; 619-465-3926

S = Sunnyvale VEC ARC, PO Box 60307, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-0307;  
408-255-9000

T = Triad Emergency ARC, 3504 Stonehurst Pl, High Point, NC 27265;  
919-841-7576

W = Western Carolinas ARS VEC, 5833 Clinton Hwy - Suite 203,  
Knoxville, TN 37912-2500; 615-688-7771.  
The 1993 Test Fee is \$5.60 (1994 test fee will be \$5.75).

5 = W5YI-VEC, PO Box 565101, Dallas, TX 75356-5101; 817-461-6443  
The 1993 Test Fee is \$5.60 (1994 test fee will be \$5.75).

#### EXAMINATION OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES:

01/10/94,A,Australia,,089-531-305,Maury Hatfield

01/08/94,A,Belgium,,32-1143-9164,Ronald Torfs

01/08/94,A,Germany,,49-0-67253462,Stephen Hutchins, KN6G

01/23/94,A,Papua New Guinea,,,Kyle Harris KE9TZ

01/10/94,A,Russia,,095-450-3205,Ed Kristky

01/08/94,A,St Croix - US Virgin Islands,,809-778-3156,Frank Jaeger

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Date: Wed, 29 Dec 93 21:38:40 EST  
From: news.sprintlink.net!dg-rtp!salzo!chuck@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Where are all the young enthusiasts?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

heinzl@wile.lkg.dec.com (Carl G Heinzl) writes:

> I've heard several stories about younger hams not being recognized as  
> piers by older hams. I must say that my experience was quite different.  
> As a young ham (13 yrs old) back in '73 in Pittsburgh, I was quite  
> readily accepted into the two clubs that I joined in the Pittsburgh  
> area, the Pittsburgh ATA - amateur transmitter association, and the South  
> Hills Brass Pounders and Modulators. Not once did someone brush me  
> aside because of my age.  
>  
> The ATA wasn't a very active club but we had some interesting speakers at  
> the monthly meeting at the Buhl Planetarium. I was active enough in this  
> club that at the age of 14 I became one of the club directors! The SHBP&M  
> was a great club to work field day with at South Park (I'll never  
> forget my experiences there), something that no young ham should be  
> without!  
>  
> -Carl- WA3UEN  
> President - Very Versatile Business Computer Company of New England  
I wish to comment that as a 15 year old (in 1948) I received my call W2ZKK  
and joined a ham club in Jamaica NY called The Amateur UHF Club and was  
treated very kindly, taken under the wing of several older hams who gave  
me pieces of equipment, helped me get set up on 144mh, 220 mh and 420 mh  
bands. I am no longer active but still recall the days when i was really  
treated wonderful by older hams. I also held office later on.

Chuck Salzmann OS/2 Fanatic - Unlike My Wife, OS/2 DO(e)S Windows

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1993 03:23:37 GMT  
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!moe.ksu.ksu.edu!  
osuunx.ucc.okstate.edu!olesun!gcouger@network.ucsd.edu  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2fqeid\$bf6@panix.com>, <CIsrIL.Kz6@sugar.NeoSoft.COM>,  
<1993Dec29.171920.21048@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>  
Subject : Re: Repeater database?

In article <1993Dec29.171920.21048@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>,  
Gary Coffman <gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us> wrote:  
>In article <CIsrIL.Kz6@sugar.NeoSoft.COM> jreese@NeoSoft.com (Jim Reese) writes:

>>  
>>I'd be real interested in how you guys handle this issue. The Texas VHF-FM  
>>Society has debated it in several meetings lately. Their main objection to  
>>releasing the data is that it might be used to create a publication which  
>>would be sold. This not so much the problem as the source of the data wouldn't  
Do we really need the data from the cordinaters? If each of us would send in  
the repeaters in his own area in a standard format using grid squares for  
location should be close enough for this project, it would make a data base  
in short order. We could also include other frequencies of interest and it  
would be a pretty neat deal. Just submit a list of grid square you intend to  
pass through and it will give you back a list of frequencies in the order  
of the grid squares you sent.

Just a thought

Gordon AB5Dg

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/*                      Gordon Couger                      */
/*      Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering              */
/*      Oklahoma State University                          */
/*      114 Ag Hall, Stillwater, OK  74074                */
/*  gcouger@olesun.agen.okstate.edu 405-744-9763 day 624-2855 evenings */
/*      I Speak only for myself and not for anyone else    */
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Date: (null)

From: (null)

It does seem a bit silly, in 1993, to give a CW test the same level of  
importance as the written test, doesn't it? I wonder if we couldn't  
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instead of making it a separate test element. Or wouldn't that be in  
conformance with international treaty?

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Bob Schreibmaier K2PH | UUCP: ...!att!mtdcr!bob  
AT&T Bell Laboratories | Internet: bob@mtdcr.att.com  
Middletown, N.J. 07748 | ICBM: 40o21'N, 74o8'W

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Date: 29 Dec 1993 14:12:39 -0800

From: galaxy.ucr.edu!library.ucla.edu!agate!apple.com!apple.com!not-for-  
mail@network.ucsd.edu

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <CIpoCt.BCz@cbnewsj.cb.att.com>,  
<1993Dec29.171134.20931@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>, <CIten0.HM@cbnewsm.cb.att.com>

Subject : Re: cw waivers

jeffj@cbnewsm.cb.att.com (jeffrey.n.jones) writes:

>In article <1993Dec29.171134.20931@ke4zv.atl.ga.us> gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman) writes:

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>>Someone using manual Morse is like someone who prefers 300 baud modems  
>>when 9600 baud units are cheap and available. I frankly don't understand  
>>the affinity for slow torture. Why not use drums and smoke signals if  
>>you're trying to recreate the past?

>Kind of hard to hold a conversation at 5 wpm... 8-)

That is because you did not Huffman encode your drum beats, like them Pactor boys. In fact, if you use spread spectrum drums, you won't even have to worry about the artillery shells.

Beware the tone deaf! You will never pass the 20 wpm drum test that is designed to keep off the riff-raff.

(Do I *\*really\** have to add a smiley??? :-)

73,

Kok Chen, AA6TY      kchen@apple.com  
Apple Computer, Inc.

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End of Info-Hams Digest V93 #1522

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